Woman Begs Deputies Not to Arrest Boyfriend After He Allegedly Held Her Down and Covered Her Mouth

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A domestic disturbance call took a dramatic turn when deputies say a woman initially denied anything physical had happened — only for both people involved to later admit the argument became violent.

And even after deputies decided an arrest had to be made…

the woman reportedly continued trying to convince officers "everything was fine."

According to the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded after reports of a domestic disturbance involving a woman allegedly yelling for help inside a residence.

When deputies arrived, they reportedly found the front door standing open.

As one deputy approached, a man came to the doorway while a visibly upset woman appeared behind him "rambling" and insisting everything was okay.

According to the report, the woman repeatedly claimed:

- nothing was wrong
- no one needed help
- and deputies shouldn't have been there

But investigators say the story quickly began changing.

The woman allegedly stopped mid-conversation and said:

"Let me guess, the neighbors called."

Deputies explained they had received reports of a woman screaming for help during a domestic disturbance.

According to the report, the woman became emotional and explained the couple had recently gotten out of the hospital after the birth of their infant son and that she "needed a break."

At first, she denied anything physical had happened.

But while deputies separated the pair and questioned them individually, investigators say the truth slowly started to come out.

Deputies Say Man Admitted Holding Woman Down

According to the report, the man admitted:

- holding the woman down on the ground
- covering her mouth
- and telling her to "hush" while she yelled for help

Meanwhile, the woman eventually also admitted the confrontation had turned physical, though she repeatedly tried minimizing the incident by saying:

"It wasn't too serious."

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Deputies say the woman also began rambling about relationship problems and personal issues during the investigation.

Once deputies informed her the man would be arrested for domestic violence, the report says she became increasingly upset and began trying to persuade both deputies and her boyfriend that "it didn't happen" and that "everything was fine."

Deputies then had the woman gather the couple's infant child while the man was handcuffed and transported to the Lawrence County Jail.

Why Domestic Violence Victims Sometimes Recant

Law enforcement officials say it is extremely common for victims of domestic violence to:

- minimize injuries
- change their stories
- refuse to cooperate
- or beg officers not to make arrests

especially when:

- children are involved
- the couple recently experienced stress or medical trauma
- finances are tied together
- or emotions are still highly charged during the investigation

Authorities say many victims fear:

- losing financial support
- retaliation
- embarrassment
- or simply don't want their partner jailed despite the violence

That's why Ohio's domestic violence laws often allow deputies to move forward with charges even if the victim later tries to walk statements back.

And in this case…

what began with a woman insisting "everything was fine" reportedly ended with:

- admissions from both parties that things became physical
- a man accused of holding a woman down and covering her mouth
- and an infant caught in the middle of another domestic violence investigation.

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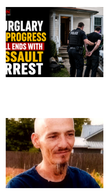

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